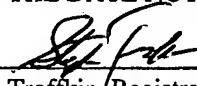


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Title: Ionomeric Oxygen Scavenger Compositions

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As the above-identified inventors, we hereby declare that:

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- 2) We believe that we are the first, original, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which is attached hereto.
- 3) We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any drawings attached thereto.
- 4) We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a).
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